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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Improved Vertebral Implants Adapted for Posterior Insertion specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 28, 2003 under Serial No. 10/696,727.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

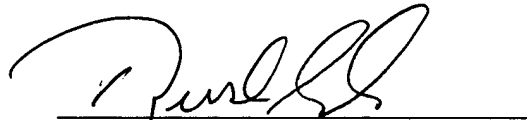
I do hereby revoke all Powers of Attorney heretofore given and appoint Stefan V. Stein, Registration No. 29,702, Harvey S. Kauget, Registration No. 41,108 and Michael J. Colitz, III, Registration No. 37,010, and Anderson L. Baldy III,

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